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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Proposed Overseas Differentials and Allowances Act

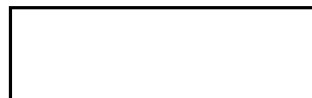
1. Your memorandum dated 19 March 1959 and H. R. 5007, a bill to improve the administration of overseas activities of the Government of the United States, have been reviewed.

2. The question has arisen as to whether the Agency would have authority to make allowance payments under Section 201 (2) (B) as now written, if we adopted a grade and pay scale which is not in conformance with the rates of basic compensation set forth in the "General Schedules".

3. It is suggested that consideration be given to requesting that Section 201 of H. R. 5007 be amended to specifically cover allowances for Agency employees. The following clause is suggested as an amendment to Section 201 (2): "and (C) whose rates of compensation are fixed by administrative action pursuant to law". This wording could possibly be substituted for 201 (2) (B). Since H. R. 5007 already contains several amendments to Public Law 110, it seems appropriate to request either a revision to Section 4 (b), our authority for granting State Department allowances, or an amendment as suggested.

4. According to the bill as now written, personnel accepting and completing a tour of duty for less than twenty-four months continuous service will be denied home leave privileges. Consideration should be given to extending the same benefits to personnel assigned to stations, which for reasons of adverse health conditions, physical location or climate, the tour of duty is eighteen months.

5. I assume that the provisions of the H.R. 5007 relating to Hawaii will be amended since Hawaii is now a State.



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